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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : IAC Policy on Approval of Appendices to NIE's

REFERENCE: IAC-M-119 (1 September 1953) as amended IAC-M-120
(8 September 1953)

1. Pursuant to IAC action on 1 September, the Board of National Estimates has considered general policy with respect to appendices to national intelligence estimates.
2. The findings of the Board are incorporated in the attached Staff Study.
3. The Board recommends that you propose to the IAC:
 - a. That its action of 4 September 1952 relating to appendices (IAC-M-81 Revised, item 2) be rescinded.
 - b. That the Board and the IAC representatives be instructed to hold the use of appendices and their length to a minimum consistent with the adequate presentation of estimates.
 - c. That such appendices as are found to be necessary be acted upon by the IAC in the same manner as any other part of the estimate.
4. If you consider the Staff Study as an acceptable basis for IAC action, we suggest that you authorize its release to the IAC and that this matter be placed on the agenda of a forthcoming IAC meeting.

SHERMAN KENT
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National Estimates

CONCURRED IN:

Deputy Director/Intelligence

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

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